

Title 8

RABIES*

* **Note to Title 8.** For administrative rules relevant to this title, look for a following "R" title of the same number.

Chapter 8.04

QUARANTINE

8.04.010 Quarantine of infected animals.

A. Whenever the director of public health has cause to suspect that an animal capable of transmitting rabies is infected with such disease, he shall order a period of quarantine of not less than ten days, and he shall notify in writing the owner or keeper of such quarantine order, and such animal shall be quarantined by the county animal control, in its pound, or upon the premises of the owner or licensed veterinarian where conditions of quarantine are strictly kept, at the discretion of the director of public health, unless the animal has been exposed to rabies by contact in which case Section 8.04.040 applies. Delivery of a copy of the quarantine order to an adult residing upon the premises where such animal is found shall be deemed notice of the quarantine. Good cause for such order of quarantine shall include, but is not limited to, evidence that such animal has bitten, or that there is reasonable certainty that such animal has bitten, a human being. During the period of quarantine, the officers, agents and employees of the county animal control, and other police officers, are authorized to enter any premises for the purpose of apprehending any such animal and impounding it, except where kept upon the premises of the owner or licensed veterinarian as provided in this subsection.

B. Whenever any human being has been bitten by a cat or dog and there is no reason to suspect that the animal is rabid, at the discretion of the health officer, the animal involved may be restricted for ten (10) days for observation in such manner as to prevent contact with other animals or humans except for the caretaker.
(R&R 30 §1, 6-9-82)

8.04.020 Quarantine of area.

A. Whenever the director determines that rabies is currently a hazard to the public health in the county, or any part thereof, incorporated or unincorporated, excepting cities of the first class, by reason of the fact that a case of rabies has been diagnosed in any canine or feline animal, he shall cause a notice of such hazard to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area for three (3) successive days, which determination and notice shall declare the quarantine period and area.

B. The quarantine period shall be thirty (30) days after the last publication of notice, and

it is a misdemeanor and unlawful for any owner or person entitled to custody of such animal to keep or harbor any animal capable of transmitting rabies unless securely confined by leash or tight enclosure from which it cannot escape. Any animal capable of transmitting rabies found running at large during such period shall be impounded and humanely destroyed by order of the director or his agent named in Section 8.04.060. If apprehension and impounding by safe means is not possible, such animal may be destroyed summarily by the agent. Any dog or cat shall be confined to their owner's premises except when on leash for a period of one (1) month following vaccination, provided vaccination was not administered more than six (6) months previously, in which case the dog or cat should be revaccinated or restricted. The director may extend any such quarantine period if deemed necessary by like additional determinations and notices.
(R&R 30 §2, 6-9-82)

8.04.030 Violation of quarantine.

It is a misdemeanor and it is unlawful for any owner or person charged with the custody of any animal subject to a quarantine defined in Sections 8.04.010 and 8.04.020 to permit any such animal to come in contact with any other animal or person or to run at large or to be removed from any quarantine premises without the consent of the director of public health.
(R&R 30 §3, 6-9-82)

8.04.040 Animals bitten by rabid animals.

Any animal bitten by an animal found to be rabid by appropriate laboratory tests shall be quarantined at a location prescribed by the director of public health for four (4) months or destroyed by order of the director of public health.
(R&R 30 §4, 6-9-82)

8.04.050 Vaccination order.

Whenever the director of public health by order published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area for three (3) successive days determines that conditions exist as indicated in Section 8.04.020 in a specified area wherein it is necessary for the protection of the public health that animals capable of transmitting rabies be vaccinated within thirty (30) days with anti-rabies vaccine, he shall order that all such animals three (3) months old or over shall be so vaccinated or humanely destroyed at the option of the owner or keeper, and it is declared to be a misdemeanor and is unlawful for any owner, or person charged with the custody of such animal, to fail or refuse to procure the vaccination within that time.
(R&R 30 §5, 6-9-82)

8.04.060 Authority of animal control.

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the county animal control shall be empowered to act as agents of the director of public health.
(R&R 30 §6, 6-9-82)

8.04.070 No appeal to hearing examiner.

Due to the extreme health hazard involved in a rabies outbreak and the necessity for expediency in carrying out the provisions of this chapter and notwithstanding the provisions of

any other rules or regulations or ordinances to the contrary, orders issued by the director of public health regarding rabies shall not be appealable to the hearing examiner. (R&R 30 §7, 6-9-82)

8.04.080 Violation--Penalty.

Any person convicted of a misdemeanor as set forth in Sections 8.04.010, 8.04.020, 8.04.030 or 8.04.050 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
(R&R 30 §8, 6-9-82)